

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

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Fig 1*

1. (Currently amended) In an apparatus a fuel cell assembly including a stepper motor as an actuator of for moving a moveable element pintle against a variable load, a method for increasing the torque output of the stepper motor actuator to overcome a load exceeding the nominal torque output capability of the stepper motor actuator, comprising the steps of:
 - a) sensing when a high load condition exists; and
 - b) increasing voltage provided to the stepper motor actuator to increase the torque output thereof when said high load condition exists.
2. (Cancelled).
3. (Cancelled).
4. (Currently amended) A method in accordance with Claim 2 1 wherein said voltage increase is obtained from the electrical output of said fuel cell assembly.